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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5237**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Thibaudeau, Parlette, Keiser, Mulliken, Kohl-Welles, Stevens, Hale and Eide)

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1 AN ACT Relating to regulating the catheterization of students; and  
2 amending RCW 28A.210.280.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.210.280 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 721 are each amended  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Public school districts and private schools that offer classes  
7 for any of grades kindergarten through twelve may provide for clean,  
8 intermittent bladder catheterization of students, or assisted self-  
9 catheterization of students pursuant to RCW 18.79.290, if the  
10 catheterization is provided for in substantial compliance with:

11 (a) Rules adopted by the state nursing care quality assurance  
12 commission and the instructions of a registered nurse or advanced  
13 registered nurse practitioner issued under such rules; and

14 (b) Written policies of the school district or private school which  
15 shall be adopted in order to implement this section and shall be  
16 developed in accordance with such requirements of chapters 41.56 and  
17 41.59 RCW as may be applicable.

18 (2) School district employees, except those licensed under chapter  
19 18.79 RCW, who have not agreed in writing to perform clean,

1 intermittent bladder catheterizations as a specific part of their job  
2 description, may file a written letter of refusal to perform clean,  
3 intermittent bladder catheterization of students. This written letter  
4 of refusal may not serve as grounds for discharge, nonrenewal, or other  
5 action adversely affecting the employee's contract status.

6 (3) This section does not require school districts to provide  
7 intermittent bladder catheterization of students.

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